CENTRAL AMERICA/MEXICO -- OVERVIEW

- Democratic trends in Latin America
 - 23 of 32 countries with 70% of population are democratic (17) or liberalizing (6).
- Soviet Bloc/Cuban/Nicaragyan support for guerrillas/subversion
 Targets include democratic as well as authoritarian regimes II.

-- recall 1960s Marxist Leninist guerrillas against Venezuela, Uruguay

since 1978 a massive increase and targets include democratic Colombia, Costa Rica Large*scale of Cuban support for subversion illustrated by actions on three continent Africa - 70,000 military and other personnel; active in 14 countries

Middle East - working closely with Libya, South Yemen, PLO Latin America - 8,000 Cubans in Nicaragua; Cubans helping dictatorships

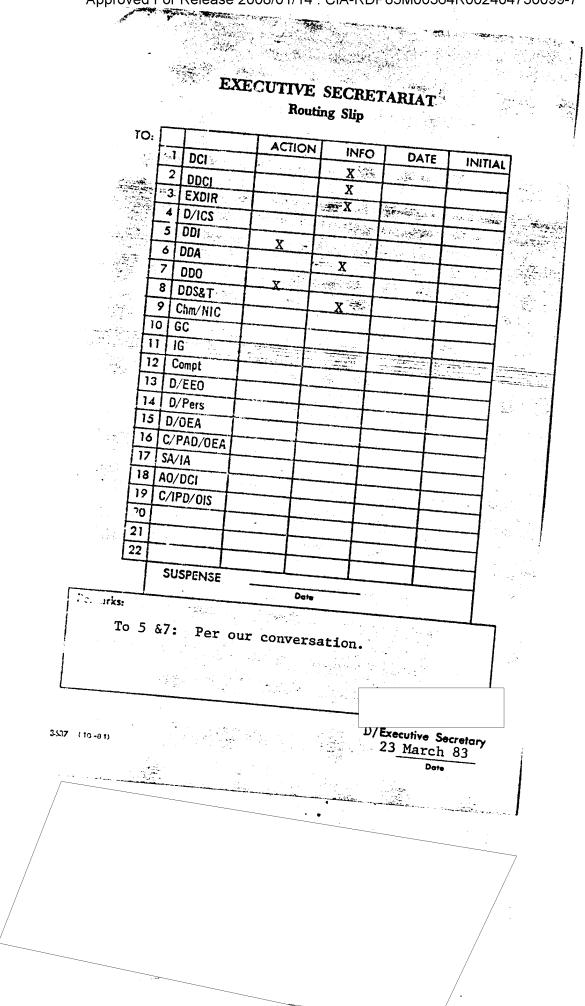
consolidate power in Grenada, Nicaragua, Suriname...plus current major subversive operations in Central America, Colombia,

Dominican Republic, Haiti, Chile

Conclusive evidence of Soviet Bloc/Cuban support for the violent left in Central America III. STAT

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- capture of safe houses, arms supply cars and trucks in Costa Rica/Honduras; illustrat cooperation among regional Marxist-Leninist terrorists and Cuban/Nicaraguan support (example July 1982 Colombian M 19 member caught in Costa Rica with Nicaraguan embassy officers as his controls also caught in terrorism campaign against the anti-communist social democratic president, Luis Alberto Monge
- IV. Nicaragua - the real situation internal
 - -- Marxist-Leninist Directorate in control with new secret police army, 8,000 Cubans, 50 or more Soviet Bloc, Libyan, PLO personnel
 - -- genuinely democratic groups (parties, trade unions, church, business) still exist but have no power
 - -- Sandinistas have broken the democratic promises made in July 1979 and OAS required -- FDN Sandinistas are NOT SOMOCISTAS, rather want to implement democracy external
 - -- full cooperation with Soviet Bloc/Cuba...treaties since March 1980 Moscow visit
 - -- massive military build-up and export of subversion continues
 - Western economic aid has been generous and has had no moderating effect -- Since July 1979 Western aid \$1.6 billion of which \$1.2 billion bilateral
 - -- all the rest of Central America received only \$750 million in bilateral aid
 - -- European socialist international legitimation of the Sandinistas has been a major factor
- ٧. Three forces are competing in El Salvador
 - violent right many large landowners angered by the land reforms plus non-governmenta groups, some elects of the ARENA party and no more than 10-15% of the military/security leadership
 - violent left led by the FMLN/DRU formed in Havana at Castro's initiative
 - -- consists of six Marxist-Leninist groups including the Communist Party
 - -- non-Marxist-Leninist component is very small (400 among 4,000-6,000 guerrilla fighters), has no real influence and is self-admittedly under the command of the Marxist-Leninists.
 - responsible political forces ranging from Christian democrats, other centrists, conservatives
 - -- also includes democratic trade unions (UPD/UCS), most of the business community, Catholic Church leadership and 85% participation
 - -- continuing the battle against the violent left and substantially weakening the power of the violent right.
 - -- elections scheduled for late 1983



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